## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph 0001 on page 1 as follows:

This application is related to United States <u>Patent No. 7,240,041</u> patent application Serial <u>No. \_\_\_\_\_\_</u> (Attorney Reference No. SC13232TH), entitled "Network Message Processing Using Inverse Pattern Matching," filed on this date, naming Harold M. Martin, Carlos A. Greaves, Thang Q. Nguyen and Jose M. Nunez as inventors, assigned to the assignee of the present invention, and which is incorporated herein by reference.